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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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ADOPTION RACKET IN A.P.
MALYALA RAJAIAH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether inter-country adoption racket has been reported especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so the action taken to ease adoption procedure to prevent sale of children illegally?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) While no inter-country racket has been reported as such, action has been taken by the Government against Agencies found to be indulging in irregularities both in Andhra Pradesh and other States. The Ministry of Social Justice &Empowerment which deals with adoption matters has advised all State Government and its recognized Agencies to strictly adhere to the Guidelines issued by it on inter-country adoptions and other adoption matters from time to time. These include mandatory licensing of all orphanages and Agencies and monitoring of adoption activities in order to ensure that all adoption are legally done. The State Governments ensure that incidents of sale of children, if any, are prevented by strict enforcement of the relevant laws.